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The House met at 9 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: The summer sun throws its intensity upon us, O Lord, with free abandon.

The growth of the Earth responds readily to its heat; but the temperature of the human body is just enough to keep us healthy.

Cool tempers and agitation, Lord, with the gentle breeze of Your spirit.

Help the Members of Congress today in their deliberations and plans for the Nation's security and peace.

The present burdens are light enough when they earn for us the eternal weight of Your glory, which is beyond comparison.

May the inner balance of nature and the external graces You provide guide America through the present to lay the foundation of hope for the world and for eternal glory above all else.

For out of nowhere, Lord, You can stir the wind now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five 1-minutes on each side.

H.R. 3268, EMINENT DOMAIN TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2005

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3268, the Eminent Domain Tax Relief Act of 2005. I introduced this bill to ensure tax fairness for all who lose any type of property through eminent domain. No longer will victims of eminent domain suffer the added insult of an IRS bill while their home or business is taken by the government.

In the wake of the recent Supreme Court eminent domain decision, there is a rumbling across this great land. The American people know what this rumbling is. It is the sound of government bulldozers driven by IRS agents heading toward a condemned property near you. However, the United States House of Representatives has committed itself to stopping eminent domain abuse and restoring over two centuries' worth of property protections.

I believe that H.R. 3268 will go a long way in that fight. It is time to get the tax man and the government steamrollers off the backs of America's private property owners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in this fight and to cosponsor the Eminent Domain Tax Relief Act.

THE ROVE SCANDAL MOVES TO A STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it has almost been 2 weeks since we first learned Karl Rove leaked the identity of Valerie Plame to a reporter at Time, and then confirmed the identity for Bob Novak. Yesterday we learned that a State Department document includ-

ing the information about Plame's CIA ties also included a giant "S" on it, meaning that the information was secret.

For 2 weeks now, some Republicans have said that Rove did nothing wrong because the information leaked to the reporters was not confidential. Well, now we know that is simply not true and the giant "S" on the State Department document proves it. It is now clear the information Rove leaked to the reporters was secret and should not have been shared.

When Rove became Bush's right-hand man, he signed a classified information nondisclosure agreement. In that agreement he vowed to keep quiet about intelligence information until he could confirm that it was not classified.

Mr. Speaker, at the very least President Bush should revoke Karl Rove's security clearance. Rove has clearly shown that he cannot be trusted, and yet he continues to have access to information critical to our national security. I really think it is time for the President to fire Karl Rove.

HONORING ADMIRAL FARRAGUT

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Tennessean and our Navy's first admiral, David Glasgow Farragut.

Farragut was born in Campbell's Station, Tennessee, near the city of Knoxville. One of the largest, fastest-growing and most beautiful communities in my district is named in his honor. Raised in a Navy family, Farragut sailed on the Essex as a young boy during the War of 1812, took command of his first ship when he was only 12 years old, and later grew to prominence as a Union hero during the Civil War.

He was the first to prove naval forces could seize control of an entire city

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